

Remarks

Status of the Claims

No amendments to the claims have been made. Thus, claims 40-54, 56-62, and 64-66 are pending and in condition for substantive examination.

Response to Species Election Requirements

The Office action requires a species election one of the following species for substantive examination:

- 1) small inhibitory RNA;
- 2) polynucleotide encoding nucleostemin; or
- 3) p53.

Applicants elect without traverse the species **small inhibitory RNA** for initial examination. This election is made with the understanding that the non-elected species will be rejoined when a generic claim is found allowable.

Claims 40, 42-52, 56-58, 60-62, 65, and 66 read upon the elected species.

Conclusion

Substantive examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate substantive examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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